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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated for an Expansion of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas of the State of South Carolina

Docket No. 2018-372-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Company") and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") granting the request to amend the Company's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and expand its service area. ORS does not intend to attend the hearing scheduled for February 27, 2019.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)